

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on February 11, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 338, 2/7/2003; SB 301, 2/3/2003
Executive Action: SB 320

HEARING ON SB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:03 **SEN. JOE TROPLILA, SD 24, Great Falls,**
 "Flat income tax as percentage of federal income tax".
 EXHIBIT(tas30a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

9:07 Jerry Driscoll, AFL/CIO

Opponents' Testimony:

9:08 Dale Taliaferro, President, MT Retired Public Employees
9:09 Gene Fenderson, MPLC, not totally opposed, depending on
 the proposed amendments.
9:10 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:12 Begin
9:25 **SEN. BOB STORY, SEN. JIM ELLIOTT and SEN. MIKE TAYLOR**
 questioned Larry Finch, Research Office, Department of
 Revenue.
9:30 Ended
18 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

9:30 **SEN. TROPILA** closed on SB 338.

HEARING ON SB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:31 **SEN. KEN TOOLE, SD 27, Helena** "Real estate transfer
 tax". **EXHIBIT(tas30a02)**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:34 Deb Halliday, CPACC, **EXHIBIT(tas30a03)**
9:44 Craig Kenworthy, Stewardship Dir., Greater Yellowstone
 Coalition **EXHIBIT(tas30a04) EXHIBIT(tas30a05)**
9:47 Steve Yeakel, Human Resources Development Council
9:48 Gene Fenderson, MPLC
9:49 Janet Ellis, MT Audubon Society
9:50 Tim Davis, MT Smart Growth
9:51 Mary Caferro, WEEL **EXHIBIT(tas30a06)**
9:53 Ann Hedges, MEIC, **EXHIBIT(tas30a07)**
9:54 Judy Smith, MT Fair Share **EXHIBIT(tas30a08)**
9:55 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190
9:56 Linda Gryczan, MT Women's Lobby

Opponents' Testimony:

9:57 Byron Roberts, MT Building Industry Association
 9:59 Mary Whittinghill, MT Taxpayers Assoc.
 10:01 Ronda Carpenter, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and
 MT County Treasurer's Association
 10:05 Peggy Trenk, MT Association of Realtors
 10:09 Cory Swanson, Plum Creek Timber Company

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:13 Begin
 10:20 **SEN. MIKE TAYLOR** questioned Terry Johnson, Leg. Fiscal
 Division, who referred the question to Dolores Cooney,
 Department of Revenue
 10:36 Ended
 23 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

10:36 **SEN. TOOLE** closed on SB 301.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302

Motion:

10:40 **SEN. TAYLOR** moved that **SB 302 DO PASS** for the purpose
 of discussion.

Motion:

10:41 **SEN. GLASER** moved that **SB 302 BE AMENDED** sb030201.alh
EXHIBIT (tas30a09)

Discussion:

10:43 Begin
 11:02 Ended
 15 min Time elapsed

11:02 **CHAIRMAN DE PRATU** discontinued Executive Action on SB
 302 until Lee Heiman can give them some information.

11:03 **SEN. BILL GLASER** inquired if **CHAIRMAN DE PRATU** would
 want to reconsider the action they took on SB176. **SEN.**
DE PRATU responded he had talked to **SEN. TOOLE** and
 would wait until **SEN. TOOLE** is able to be present on
 Thursday.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 320

Motion:

11:06 **SEN. STORY** moved that **SB 320 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:06 Begin
11:10 Ended
4 min Time elapsed

Motion:

11:10 SEN. STORY moved that SB 320 BE AMENDED SB032001.alk
EXHIBIT (tas30a10)

Vote: Motion **carried unanimously** with ELLIOTT, HARRINGTON AND
TAYLOR voting by proxy.

Discussion:

11:11 SEN. GLASER inquired about the fiscal note.

Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that SB 320 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously with ELLIOTT, HARRINGTON and TOOLE
voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:14 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas30aad)